



2015 FRIENDS OF THE GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

THEME: **WHY DO WE NEED A LIBRARY?**

2015 CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

Please complete your essay using the following guidelines:

- Essays or poems should be 500 words or less and written with theme of “Why Do We Need a Library?”.
- Typed, single-sided, double spaced pages(s) are encouraged. Entries written by hand should be legible. A child too young to write may dictate to an adult.
- Please DO NOT put your name or any other identifying mark on your essay. This is to ensure fairness in judging.
- Please complete and staple the attached cover sheet to your entry.
- One entry per person.
- All entries must be received by 9pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Essays and poems will be judged on originality and persuasiveness by a panel of community leaders and Friends of the Grafton Public Library members. Prizes winners and runners up will be awarded in each of three age categories: Elementary School (children in grades 1-6); Middle & High School (grades 7-12), and Adult (age 18 and over).

PRIZES: For each category there will be one winner who will receive a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card and the opportunity to read their poem or essay for GCTV. Each category will also have a runner-up who will receive a \$10 Down Under gift card. Prizes are generously donated by the Friends of the Grafton Public Library.

Winning entries will be posted on the Library’s website (graftonlibrary.org) after Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Entries will become the property of the Friends of the Grafton Public Library and will not be returned. The contents may be used for promotional purposes without additional compensation to the participant.

Staff, Friends, Trustees, and their relatives are welcome to participate but are ineligible to win prizes.



For Staff Use Only:

ESSAY # _____

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ENTRY FORM-COVER SHEET

Please staple this Entry Form-Cover Sheet to the FRONT of your essay or poem. Please do not put your name or any other identifying mark on your essay to ensure fairness in judging.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY-STATE-ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

AGE CATEGORY: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: _____

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ADULT

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